UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice TB-973**

For: NC State Office

Tobacco Disaster Assistance Program (TDAP) Payments

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Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

1 Overview

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Background

Notice TB-966 provided instructions to State and County Offices for the TDAP signup. TDAP payments will be paid to eligible persons who have approved applications, providing assistance for those pounds lost of 1999 marketing year flue-cured tobacco which were harvested and placed in an auction warehouse and not sold because of hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, or Irene.

B Purpose

This notice provides instructions to issue a notice to County Offices that shall include authorization and provisions for issuing TDAP payments.

Disposal Date	Distribution
January 1, 2001	NC State Office

2 General Provisions for TDAP Payments

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Payment Information

TDAP payments shall be:

- issued to approved producers
- computed using the payment rate of \$1.00 per pound of approved tobacco
- issued no later than COB September 22, 2000.

B Timing of Payments

County Offices may begin processing TDAP payments upon authorization from the State Office. All TDAP payments shall be issued to approved producers no later than COB September 22, 2000.

C Offsets and Assignments

If a producer is indebted to the United States, including CCC and FSA, TDAP payments shall be offset. However, offsets for FLP borrowers will be handled according to FmHA Instructions 1951-S, subpart C. A producer may also assign payments.

Note: CCC-36 must have been on file before CCC-550 approval.

3 Action

A State Office Action

The State Office shall:

- issue a notice to County Offices authorizing them to issue TDAP payments and announcing provisions of the payment process
- establish payment allocation limits for each County Office

Note: The payment allocation limits are to be calculated by multiplying the total pounds approved for each county times the payment rate of \$1.00 per pound.

notify each County Office of its payment allocation limit

Note: Each County Office is not to exceed its allocation limit.

- direct the County Offices to take the following actions to issue TDAP payments no later than COB September 22, 2000:
 - calculate each producer payment on CCC-550, Part E using the payment rate of \$1.00 per pound
 - issue payments according to 1-FI, Part 5 by entering the following:
 - "99TDAP" in the "Program Code" field
 - the amount in CCC-550, item 21 in the "Amount" field
 - verify that the payment allocation limitation for the County Office is not exceeded by printing the "Payment History Summary" for program code "99TDAP" on the check-writing-inquiry screen, option 3 in Accounting no later than COB October 6, 2000
- instruct DD to complete, review, and FAX each County Office's TDAP Payment Report, Exhibit 1, to the State Office no later than COB October 31, 2000
- FAX the State Office's TDAP Payment Report, Exhibit 2, to TPD at 202-720-1288 no later than COB November 17, 2000.

TDAP Payment Report, County Office to State Office

Name:	County Code:
1. Total County Payment Allocation Limit:	
2. Total Amount of Payments Disbursed:	,
3. Total Number of Payments Issued:	
DD Signature	 Date

TDAP Payment Report, State Office to TPD

The State Office shall FAX the TDAP Payment Report to TPD at 202-720-1288 no later than COB November 17, 2000.

SED Signature	Date	
Remarks:		
3. Total Number of Payments Issued:		
2. Total Amount of Payments Disbursed:		
1. Total TDAP Allocation Limit:	<u>\$2,656,561.00</u>	